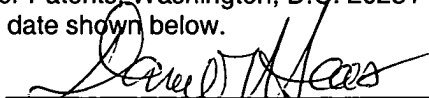




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RESPONSE

The following proposed claim amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the office action of April 27, 2004.